

REMARKS


Claims 35-40 are pending in this application.

In further support of Applicants arguments presented in the Response and Request for Reconsideration mailed 12/19/07, Applicants respectfully submit herewith a declaration by the inventors that further demonstrates that claims 35-40 are enabled. In this declaration, the inventors provide the basic protocol for the MLR assay as well as copies of pages from an internal database showing the positive results for the PRO361 nucleic acid in the MLR assay. The assay data shown in Exhibit A indicates that the PRO361 polypeptide inhibits T-cell proliferation in the MLR assay and provides further evidence that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to make and use the claimed polypeptides for the intended purpose (immune suppression) without undue experimentation. Applicants respectfully maintain their request that the enablement rejection of Claims 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant allowance of pending claims 35-40. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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